

# QFES REFERRAL AGENCY RESPONSE

## 3. Building work involving particular fit-outs

This particular Queensland Fire and Emergency Services (QFES) Scope Reduction Initiative (SRI) has two variations. There are circumstances where referral to QFES is discretionary and where referral is still required however no fee will be charged.

### Variation 1

The information contained within this document relevant to Variation 1 can be considered as QFES' referral agency advice before an application is made to the Assessment Manager.

For building work where:

- » the fit-out has a floor area of less than 300m<sup>2</sup>
- » there is no modification, replacement or addition of Special Fire Services (SFS), and
- » if the base building has a Performance Solution (PS) and the fit-out is in accordance with the PS.

Variation 1 Advice

- » Provided that the Deemed to Satisfy and/or Performance Requirements of National Construction Code (NCC) Volume 1 pertaining to this QFES Scope Reduction Initiative has been adhered to, it is discretionary as to whether further advice should be sought from QFES.

Clarification

- » This information is provided to assist the applicant/Assessment Manager to ensure that the type of building work identified in this SRI is designed and installed to satisfy operational and legislative requirements. This Information Sheet must be read in conjunction with the [General requirements of the QFES Scope Reduction Initiative](#).

### Variation 2

If the proposed fit-out meets the criteria below, referral to QFES is required, however no fee will be charged for a compliant assessment and inspection.

For building work fit-out where:

- » the proposed fit-out has a floor area of 300m<sup>2</sup> or greater
- » the proposed fit-out is submitted after a compliant

QFES assessment report and the Decision Notice for the base building has been issued

- » if the Certificate of Classification has been issued for the base building and it is within 12 months of the date of issue
- » there is no modification, replacement or addition of SFS, and
- » if the base building has a PS and the fit-out is in accordance with the applicable PS.

Note: In all other circumstances referral to QFES is still required and the normal fee schedule will apply.

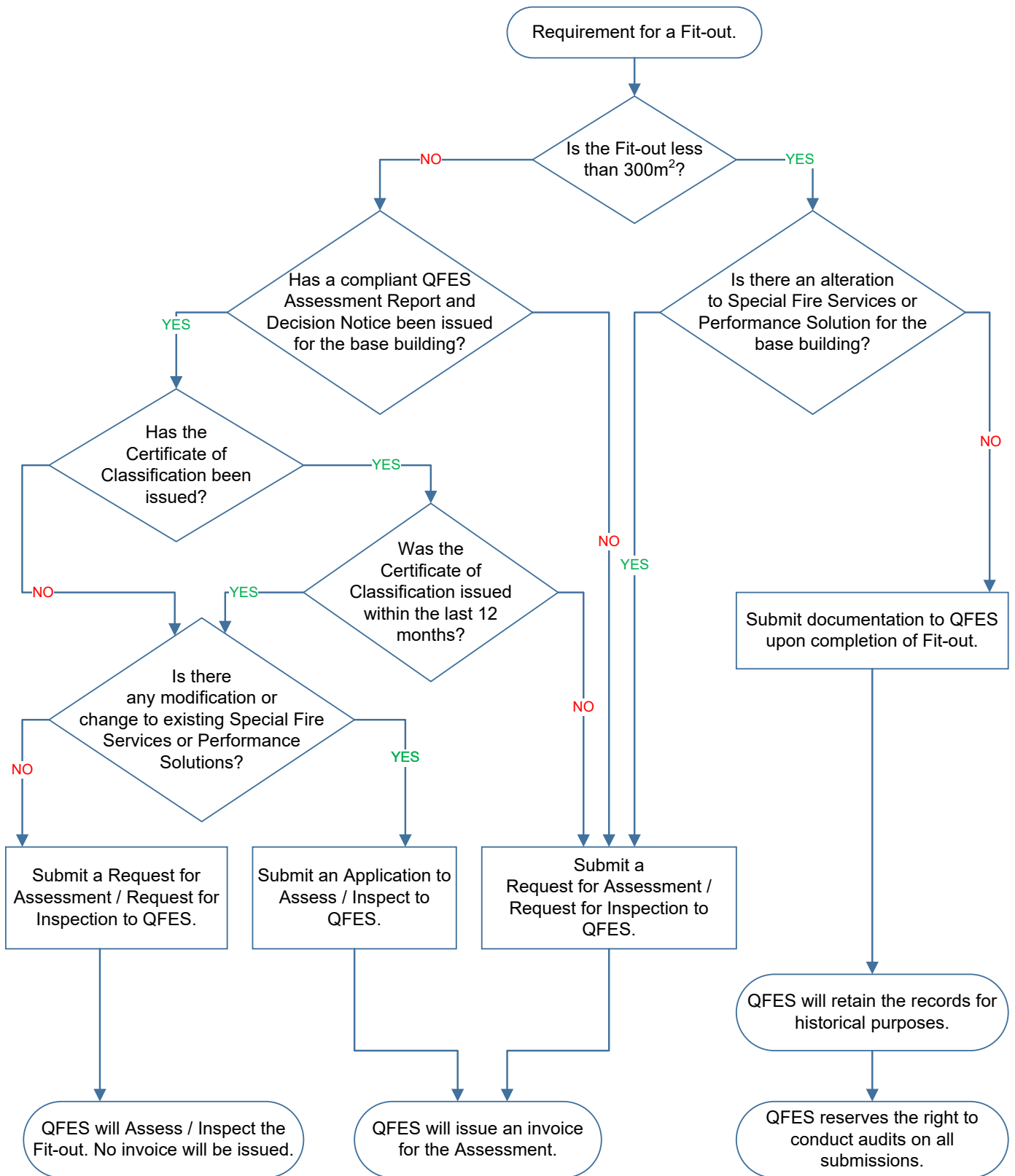
### Unwanted alarms

With reference to building work that involves the installation of a kitchen cooking facilities or the like, the [QFES Fire Alarm and Building Design Guidelines for the Reduction of Unwanted Alarms](#) must be addressed and an application for assessment must be lodged to QFES where the building is equipped with a monitored fire detection alarm system.

### Option to submit Request for Assessment

If the proposed building work meets the scope reduction criteria, a 'Request for Assessment' may still be submitted, at the discretion of the Applicant/Certifier. In such cases, the normal QFES assessment process will be undertaken and fees charged accordingly.

## Process Chart



Note: QFES requires the submission of the Certificate and other documents in accordance with the *Building Act 1975*.